

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 12, 2000.

Claims 1-7 now in the application. Claims 8-24 have been Canceled from consideration.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-5, 7 contain allowable subject matter. In response, claim 2 has been cancelled and its limitations have been incorporated into claim 1. In addition, new claims 25-28 are submitted with claim 25 containing the limitations of claims 1 and 4, claim 26 containing the limitations of claim 5 and depending on claim 25, claim 27 containing the limitations of claim 6 and claim 28 containing the limitations of claim 7.

It is respectfully submitted that in light of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks the present case is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application accompanied by a check in the amount of \$ 215.00 to cover the appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2).

If any additional is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1730, Docket No. 3896-037. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted

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